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- King 'Abdullah of Transjordan is satisfied with the decision of Iraq to remain neutral in the dispute between Transjordan and the other Arab states, which resulted from resolutions passed by the Second Palestine Arab Conference at Jericho.
- 2. A second source confirmed the above information and added that:
  - The decision to remain neutral was passed by the Iraqi Cabinet on 13 December 1948 after a lengthy argument.
  - Although Iraq could not officially recognize the Jericho Conference, Transjordan's decision to unite with Arab Palestine was considered to be a domestic matter which did not call for opposition by Iraq.
  - c. King Faruq's message opposing the Transjordan claim was conveyed in a personal letter from the Egyptian Prime Minister, Nugrashi Pasha, to the Iraqi Prime Hinister, Mirshim Pachachi, on 12 December.

